

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY MEDI-CAL REPORT FY 1998-99 THROUGH 2002-03

Following are highlights of the Medi-Cal specialty mental health program and trends in services from Fiscal Year 1998-99 through Fiscal Year 2002-03.

- The number of persons eligible for Medi-Cal services increased from 5.2 million in FY 1998-99 to 6.6 million in FY 2002-03, an increase of 26.8 percent.
 - This increase occurred across all eligibility groups with the exception of Foster Care, which decreased from 93,729 to 91,379.
 - The number of children eligible (0-17 age group) increased from 2,679,883 to 3,152,464. However, the largest percent change were in the 18-20, 21-39, and 40-59 age groups, where each increased more than 40 percent.
 - The number of Males eligible increased from 2,180,085 to 2,827,292, an increase of 29.7 percent, and the number of Females eligible increased from 3,043,184 to 3,793,831, an increase of 24.7 percent.
- The number of eligible persons who received at least one specialty mental health service during the year increased almost 34 percent, from 310,561 in FY 1998-99 to 415,867 in FY 2002-03.
 - This increase occurred across all eligibility groups with the All Other Children group having the biggest increase, from 67,596 to 108,023, an increase of 60 percent. The aid group with the largest number of clients was Disabled, which increased from 165,196 to 207,648.
 - Although persons who are White represent the largest client group, the Hispanic race group had the biggest increase among Non SSA eligibles, increasing 93.3 percent, while for SSA eligibles, the Black race group had the biggest increase with 38.1 percent.
 - Among age groups, the 18-20 and 0-17 age groups had the largest increases in the number of clients with 59.6 percent and 48.2 percent, respectively.
 - Across gender, clients increased at about the same rate, with Females increasing 34.0 percent, from 163,353 to 218,823, and Males increasing 35.0 percent, from 145,916 to 197,040.
- The percent of eligible persons who received services increased from 5.95 percent to 6.28 percent. This percent is also sometimes referred to as the penetration rate.
 - The penetration rate for the Foster Care aid group increased from 37.21 percent to 49.34 percent.
 - The percent of persons who received at least one mental health service increased in both the SSA and non-SSA programs, although the percent is higher for the SSA program eligibles at

15.68 percent while it is 4.14 percent for the non-SSA Program eligibles.

- In the 0-17 age group, the percent of eligible persons who received services increased from 4.03 percent to 5.08 percent. The highest penetration rates were in the 40-59 and 60-64 age groups.
 - Across gender, the percent of Female eligibles who received services increased from 5.37 percent to 5.77 percent, while the percent of Male eligibles who received services increased from 6.69 percent to 6.97 percent.
- Expenditures increased from \$902 million in FY 1998-99 to \$1,694 billion in FY 2002-03.
 - While there was an increase in expenditures across all aid groups, Foster Care, All Other Children, and Other Adult all had increases of more than 110 percent. Expenditures were highest in the Disabled aid group, which increased from \$564 million to \$881 million.
 - Expenditures for Non SSA program clients increased 139 percent, from \$356 million to \$851 million, while expenditures for SSA programs increased 54.4 percent, from \$545 million to \$842 million.
 - Expenditures increased 151.4 percent in the 0-17 age group, from \$325 million to \$819 million, the largest increase among age groups.
 - Across gender, expenditures increased 85.4 percent for Females, from \$420 million to nearly \$779 million, and expenditures increased 91.1 percent for Males, from \$479 million to \$915 million.
 - Expenditures per eligible increased from \$172 to \$256.
 - The aid groups with the biggest increases were the Foster Care, which increased 191 percent, from \$1,151 to \$3,352, and All Other Children, which increased 103 percent, from \$64 to \$129 per eligible.
 - For Non SSA programs, expenditures per eligible increased 82 percent, from \$87 to \$158. For SSA programs, expenditures per eligible increased 40 percent, from \$491 to \$688 per eligible.
 - Expenditures per eligible increased 114 percent for the 0-17 age group, from \$122 to \$260 per eligible.
 - Across gender, expenditures per Female eligible increased 49 percent and expenditures per Male eligible increased 47 percent.
 - Expenditures per client increased from \$2,905 to \$4,074.
 - Foster Care increased 120 percent, from \$3,092 to \$6,793 per client, and All Other Children increased 50 percent, from \$2,359 to \$3,547 per client.
 - For Non SSA programs, expenditures per client increased 64 percent, from \$2,316 to \$3,808, and for SSA programs,

expenditures per client increased 26 percent, from \$3,482 to \$4,384 per client.

- For the 0-17 age group, expenditures per client increased nearly 70 percent, from \$3,018 to \$4,074 per client.
- Expenditures per client increased 42 percent for Males, from \$3,283 to \$4,646 per client, and increased 38 percent for Females, from \$2,571 to \$3,560 per client.
- The number of clients receiving all types of services increased. However, the percent of eligibles receiving inpatient, residential and day services decreased, while the percent of eligibles receiving crisis stabilization and intervention, mental health services, medication services, and linkage and brokerage services increased.
 - The number of units of service increased for all types of services.
 - Average units per clients decreased slightly for inpatient, crisis, and linkage and brokerage services, and increased for all other services.
 - Expenditures for all types of services increased with the largest increase of 132 percent in mental health services.
 - Expenditures per eligible increased for all types of services. The service with the highest cost per eligible was mental health services at \$117.34.
 - Expenditures per client increased for all types of services with the largest percent increase in mental health services and the lowest percent increase in inpatient services. Overall, the most expensive services per client were day treatment services at \$10,039.